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All Access Playground Receives New Shade Structure Thanks to Community Support

(Temple) – Children and families will be able to enjoy the Rotary Club of South Temple All Access Playground in Lions Park without worry of too hot playground equipment thanks to a new shade structure.

“The amount of direct sun that hits the play pieces makes it too hot for children to use a majority of the day during the summer. When the playground was constructed, we hoped that the large pecan trees located next to the playground would provide enough shade; however, that has not been the case,” said Ken Cicora, Temple Parks and Leisure Services Director. “The shade structure will correct this problem and allow children and families to play any time of the day.”

The Rotary Club of South Temple All Access Playground in Lions Park was constructed in 2010 with numerous community partners and donors. “This playground is one of the most popular in the city, and it is fully accessible to those with disabilities. We are thankful for community support that helped build this playground and that now helped add this shade structure so that it can be utilized even more,” said Cicora.

This project was funded by several sources. The Temple Parks Foundation applied for and received a Carpenter Foundation grant of \$20,000. The Rotary Club of Temple South donated \$15,000 for the shade structure. In March 2012, Summit Family Fitness Center’s team of certified Zumba instructors held a Zumbathon Party to help raise money. Temple Parks and Leisure Services agreed to fund the remainder from park dedication fees and operating funds.

“Our department and our community are very fortunate to have such dedicated organizations and individuals to help make Temple an even better place to live. We are thankful for their support,” said Cicora.

The shade structure was installed by Grounds For Play Company out of Mansfield, Texas for \$52,365.44.

For more information how you can help support community projects like the shade structure for the Rotary Club of South Temple All Access Playground, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Sara Van Noord at 254.298.5774.

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